



# Town of Southern Shores

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Resolution 2008-08-03

## Resolution Supporting a Veteran's Administration Community Based Outpatient Clinic

**WHEREAS**, this Country honors our service men and women for their courage and dedication to keeping us safe and free; and

**WHEREAS**, our service members put their lives on the line during their tour of duty and are entitled to medical care following that duty; and

**WHEREAS**, statistics say there are approximately 23.8 million living veterans, 60% of the nation's veterans live in urban areas; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 the median age of all living veterans was 60 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, many veterans reside in Southern Shores, Dare County, and eastern North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, many veterans depend on the Veteran's Administration to provide medical facilities to meet their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is found that the closest veteran's hospitals found in this area are in Hampton, Virginia and Durham, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, it is found there are six Community Based Outpatient Clinics in North Carolina with the closest clinic found in Greenville; and

**WHEREAS**, the Veteran's Administration has announced plans to open 38 new clinics with none of the proposed sites located in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a serious need for improvement in medical services for veterans who reside in Dare County and the surrounding area; and

**WHEREAS**, with the uncertainty of today's economy and the impact it is having on all of us; and

**WHEREAS**, it is unacceptable that our veterans should travel more than two hours in most cases to receive medical treatment.

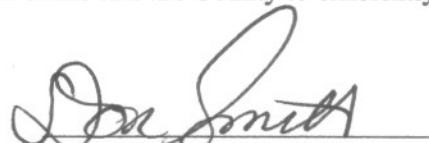
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Southern Shores Town Council urges the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to review the number of outpatient clinics in the state and support funding for the establishment of a Veteran's Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Dare County to efficiently serve the needs of veterans residing in eastern North Carolina.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day August 2008.

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ATTEST:

Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk

  
Don Smith, Mayor